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SUBJECT: TRUDEAU'S VISIT TO DENMARK

SUMMARY: ON HIS WAY TO THE NATO SUMMIT, CANADIAN PREMIER PIERRE TRUDEAU BRIEFLY VISITED COPENHAGEN MAY 27-28 TO COMPLETE THE CIRCLE OF HIS CALLS AT ALL THE EC NINE CAPITALS. THE PRIMARY PURPOSE OF HIS VISIT WAS ACHIEVED: DANISH SUPPORT FOR A "FORMAL RELATIONSHIO" BETWEEN CANADA AND THE EC. NO IMPORTANT BILATERAL ISSUES EXIST BETWEEN THE LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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TWO COUNTIRES. IN THE MULTILATERAL CONTEXT, TRUDEAU TOLD

PRIME MINISTER ANKER JORGENSEN THAT THE CANADIANS WOULD "MAINTAIN THEIR MILITARY EFFECTIVENESS" IN EUROPE. TRUDEAU ALSO EXPRESSED HIS CONCERN OVER NUCLEAR PROLIFERATION. THE CANADIANS WERE IMPRESSED BY THE FORCEFUL WAY JORGESEN DESCRIBED DANISH COMMITMENT TO THE MILITARY PREPAREDNESS OF NATO END SUMMARY

1. MOST DANISH PAPERS HEADLINED THE TRUDEAU VISIT AS PART OF AN ATTEMPT TO LESSEN CANADA'S DEPENDENCY ON THE US ECONOMY THROUGH SPECIAL ARRANGEMENTS WITH THE EC. CANADIAN EMBASSY AND MFA OFFICALS TOLD US THAT IN DISCUSSIONS WITH THE DANES TRUDEAU ACKNOWLEDGED THIS DESIRE. AT THE SAME TIME HE EMPHASIZED THE IMPORTANT OF MAINTAINING HIS COUNTRY'S TIES WITH THE US. THE DANES PULICLY ANNOUNCED THEIR SUPPORT FOR THE FORMALIZATION OF A SPECIAL RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN CANADA AND THE EC. WE WERE TOLD BY MFA OFFICIALS THAT THE CANADIANS HAVE ACCEPTED AN EC COMMISSION DRAFT OUTLINING SUCHA RELATIONSHIP. WHATEVER ARRANGEMENTS EVENTUATE WOULD, HOWEVER, BE WITHIN THE GATT FRAMEWORK AND WOULD REPRESENT NOT ONLY TRADE BUT "ECONOMIC AND OTHER RELATIONS". (NEITHER THE MFA NOR THE CANADIAN EMBASSY HERE HAS BEEN VERY PRECISE ABOUT WHAT EXACTLY THE COMMISSION DRAFT PROVIDES.)

2. THE DANES AND CANADIANS BOTH TOLD USTHAT NO REALLY IMPORTANT BILATERAL ISSUES ARE OUTSTANDING BETWEEN THE TWO COUNTRIES.

TOPICS DISCUSSED INCLUDED SAS LANDING RIGHTS IN TORONTO AND SIMILARONES IN GREENLAND FOR A CANADIAN COMPANY; CLOSER TECHNICAL COOPERATION AND INFORMATION EXCHANGE ON SCIENFITIC CONDITIONS ON GREENLAND AND THE ARCTIC CIRCLE; AND FISHING. A CANADIAN TRADE MISSION IS EXPECTED TO VISIT DENMARK THIS FALL AND WILL SEEK TO EXPAND CANADA'S EXPORTS TO DENMARK WHICH CURRENTLY AMOUNT TO ONLY HALF (\$46 MILLION) OF WHAT DENMARK EXPORTS TO CANADA (\$92 MILLION).

3. THE MAIN FOCUS OF THE TRUDEAU-JORGENSEN TALKS WAS MULTI-LATERAL. IN DISCUSSINGLAW OF THE SEA MATTERS, THE DANES STRESSED THAT NO UNILATERAL DECISIONS SHOULD BE TAKEN BY PARTIC-IPATING COUNTRIES UNTIL THE CONFERENCE IS CONCLUDED NEXT YEAR. (THIS APPARENTLY REFERRED TO STATEMENTS MADE BY CANADIAN LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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MILES) THE DANES ALSO STRESSED THE SPECIAL IMPORTANCE FOR THE GREENLAND POPULATION OF SALMON FISHING ALTHOUGH NO PROPOSALS WERE MADE TO ADJUST QUOTAS.

4. TRUDEAU DISCUSSED THE RECENT COMMONWEALTH CONFERENCE IN JAMAICA WHERE HE VOICED HISDEEP CONCERN OVER NUCLEAR

PROLIFERATION. THIS EXPRESSION WAS MET WITH A SINGULAR LACK OF RESPONSE. INDEED THE COUNTRIES OF THE NEW COMMONWEALTH SEEMED TO REGARD SUCH AN EXPRESSION AS ANOTHER ASPECT OF RACISM. ("WE CAN BE TRUSTED BUT YOU CAN'T.") CANADIAN EMBASSY OFFICIALS SAID THE DANES DID NOT APPEAR TO BE VERY INTERESTED IN THIS TOPIC. THEY WERE PREPARED, AS THE CANAIDANS WERE NOT, TO ACCEPT INDIAN PROTESTATIONS OF NON-MARTIAL INTENTIONS AT FACE VALUE.

5. THERE WAS DISCUSSION ABOUT THE UPCOMING NATO SUMMIT CONSISTENT WITH POSITIONS TAKEN BY THE DANES AND CANADIANS AT BRUSSELS AND REPORTED BY USNATO. THE DANES DID EMPHASIZE THEIR SATISFACTION WITH TRUDEAU'S ASSERTION THAT THE CANADIANS WOULD NOT REDUCE THEIR MILITARY EFFECTIVENESS IN EUROPE. JORGENSEN EXPLAINED THE DANISH DEFENSE SYSTEM, THE FOUR-YEAR -- 1973-1977 -- DEFENSE AGREEMENT AND THE DANISH INTENTION TO BUY THE F-16.

6. CANADIAN EMBASSY OFFICIALS REMARKED ON
ANKER JORGENSEN'S EFFECTIVENESS IN HIS DISCUSSIONS WITH TRUDEAU. JORGENSEN HAD OBVIOUSLY DONE HIS HOMEWORK AND SPOKE KNOWLEDGABLY ON ALL SUBJECTS. THE CANADIANS
WERE PARTICULARLY STRUCK BY THE FORCEFUL WAYS JORGENSEN DESCRIBED
THE DANISH COMMITMENT TO NATO. HE WAS "FOUR-SQUARE"
BEHIND THE ALLIANCE AND SAID THAT DETENTE HAS TO BE NEGOTIATED
FROM A POSITION OF ALLIED MILITARY STRENGTH.
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